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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3495

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3495 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Commission on Taxpayer Oversight and Reduction of State
6 Spending Act.

7 Section 5. Legislative intent. It is the continuing policy
8 of the State to provide the citizens of Illinois with a
9 government that is accountable to the taxpayers. To carry out
10 this policy effectively, it is essential that the General
11 Assembly examine expenditures of the State for programs and
12 services and make recommendations to reduce spending.

13 Section 10. Creation of Commission. The Commission on
14 Taxpayer Oversight and Reduction of State Spending, hereafter
15 in this Act referred to as the "Commission", is created in the

1 Governor's Office of Management and Budget to examine
2 expenditures of the State and make recommendations to the
3 Governor and General Assembly to reduce State spending. The
4 Commission shall:

5 (1) Conduct investigations to ascertain facts, review
6 appropriations and expenditures, and make recommendations
7 and reports concerning revenues and expenditures of the
8 State, its departments, subdivisions, and agencies,
9 whether created by the Constitution or otherwise.

10 (2) Review the budget submitted by the Governor and
11 make recommendations for reducing expenditures set forth
12 in the budget, provided the Commission shall take into
13 account any specific areas of reductions recommended for
14 the Commission's review by the Governor and the statewide
15 prioritized budgetary goals established by Section 50-25
16 of the State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of
17 Illinois, as those goals are reflected in the budget
18 submitted by the Governor.

19 (3) Review programs, strategies, and activities
20 conducted by agencies and grant recipients to determine
21 whether they are achieving the prioritized outcomes and
22 meeting the goals established under Section 50-25 of the
23 State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of
24 Illinois in an efficient manner and make recommendations to
25 reduce appropriations or expenditures of agencies and
26 grant recipients failing to meet the outcomes and goals.

1 (4) Consider budgetary reductions at the State and
2 local levels of government through the reduction or
3 elimination of statutorily mandated expenditures or the
4 consolidation of government agencies and instrumentalities
5 to eliminate waste and inefficiency in the operation of
6 State and local government.

7 The Commission shall have continuing existence and may
8 meet, act, and conduct its business at any place within this
9 State, during the sessions of the General Assembly or any
10 recess thereof, and in the interim periods between sessions.

11 Section 15. Composition of Committee. The Commission shall
12 consist of 8 members as follows: 2 members of the General
13 Assembly appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom
14 shall serve as co-chair of the Commission; 2 members of the
15 General Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives, one of whom shall serve as co-chair of the
17 Commission; 2 members of the General Assembly appointed by the
18 Minority Leader of the Senate; and 2 members of the General
19 Assembly appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
20 Representatives. The Governor shall appoint 2 additional
21 members to serve in a non-voting, advisory capacity. A vacancy
22 shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment.

23 Section 20. Reports of the Commission. The Commission may,
24 upon the concurrence of a majority of its members, issue a

1 report with recommendations. The Commission shall conduct at
2 least one public hearing prior to issuing any report and allow
3 interested persons to present their views and comments. The
4 Commission may prescribe reasonable rules for the conduct of
5 public hearings and issuance of reports. Reports of the
6 Commission shall include the following: (i) the expenditure,
7 State program, or service examined; (ii) a detailed description
8 of the investigation conducted by the Commission; (iii) any
9 inquiries for the Governor, if applicable, related to the
10 expenditure, State program, or service; (iv) specific
11 recommendations for change, improvement, reduction, or
12 elimination of the State program or service; and (v) a detailed
13 formal request for action by the Governor. Any report making a
14 recommendation shall be filed with the Governor, Secretary of
15 the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives.

16 Section 25. Response of the Governor. Upon receipt of a
17 report, the Governor shall respond, in writing, within 30
18 calendar days. Such response shall be filed with the Secretary
19 of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives. The
20 Governor's response shall include a response to any inquiries
21 made in the report and a specific response to each
22 recommendation of the Commission stating whether the Governor
23 accepts or rejects the recommendation. If the Governor accepts
24 a recommendation of the Commission, the response shall include
25 a description of any action that has or will be taken to comply

1 with the recommendation. If the Governor rejects the
2 recommendation of the Commission, the response shall include
3 reasons for the rejection.

4 Section 30. Cooperation of State agencies. The Governor's
5 Office of Management and Budget shall cooperate with the
6 Commission by providing relevant data, documents, and other
7 information as requested by the Commission. The Governor's
8 Office of Management and Budget shall, upon request, provide
9 the Commission with an analysis of the costs or savings
10 associated with any potential recommendation. At the request of
11 the Commission, each State agency shall, without delay, make
12 available any record or information requested and shall provide
13 for examination and copying of all records, accounts, papers,
14 reports, accounts, papers, reports, vouchers, correspondence,
15 books and other documentation in the custody of that agency,
16 including information stored in electronic data processing
17 systems, which is related to or within the scope of an
18 investigation conducted by the Commission.

19 Section 35. Administrative support. The Governor's Office
20 of Management and Budget shall provide administrative and other
21 support to the Commission.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law."